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TAGS: PARM, CCD, UNGA, US

SUBJECT: FINNISH CANDIDACY FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP AND  
PREPARATIONS FOR SSOD

1. FINNISH AMBASSADOR (ILONIEMI) CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (VINE) ON MAY 18 TO INFORM  
US OF FINNISH CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE OF  
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THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) AND TO DISCUSS THE UN  
SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD). ILONIEMI  
SAID HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS A GROWING  
BODY OF OPINION, WHICH THE US AND USSR SHARE, THAT SOME  
ENLARGEMENT OF THE CCD WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. CITING THE  
FINNISH RECORD IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING  
DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN THE CCD AND CONTRIBUTIONS WITH

RESPECT TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS, SEISMIC STUDY AND NON-PROLIFERATION, HE STATED THAT FINLAND WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT FINLAND WOULD NOT PRESS ITS CANDIDACY IN THE FACE OF A BROADLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON NEW MEMBERS. HE STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE US AND USSR, THE UK AND SWEDEN HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED OF THE FINNISH CANDIDACY.

2. VINE WELCOMED THE FINNISH CANDIDACY FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP AND SAID THAT THE US WAS INDEED FLEXIBLE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING ORGANIZATIONAL

CHANGES IN THE CCD, SO LONG AS IT REMAINS AN EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATING BODY. HE SAID THAT THE US WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE POSITIVE FINNISH ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND THAT, IF THE SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR THE CCD WERE BASED ON MERIT, FINLAND WOULD BE ONE OF THE FIRST CANDIDATES TO COME TO MIND. VINE SAID THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON ANY INCREASE IN CCD MEMBERSHIP WOULD PROBABLY BE A PACKAGE DEAL WHICH WOULD DEPEND MORE ON REGIONAL AND POLITICAL BALANCE THAN ANY OTHER FACTOR. ALL-IN-ALL, HOWEVER, FINLAND WOULD STAND A REASONABLY GOOD CHANCE OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CCD IF THERE IS AN ENLARGEMENT.

3. ILONIEMI SAID THAT THE SSOD WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR  
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INCREASING THE ROLE OF THE UN IN DISARMAMENT IN THE FUTURE AND THAT ANY SET BACK WOULD BE SERIOUS. GOF BELIEVES THAT THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN BY VOTING. ILONIEMI STATED THAT GOF WOULD MAKE A FULL CONTRIBUTION TO SSOD BUT WOULD NOT INTRODUCE ANY NEW PROPOSALS. THE FINNISH DEL WILL BE HEADED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND INCLUDE THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PERM REP. IN NEW YORK, AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL FOUR PARTIES IN THE CABINET PLUS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY. FINNISH AMBASSADOR WHO FOLLOWS DISARMAMENT MATTERS IN GENEVA WILL ALSO BE A MEMBER OF DEL.

4. VINE SAID THAT USG INTENDED TO MAKE A STRONG AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SSOD, AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS INDICATED. THE US CONSIDERS THE SSOD AS AN OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO STATE OUR VIEWS ON THE MAJOR DISARMAMENT ISSUES AND TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF OTHERS. HE SAID THAT THE OUTCOME WHICH THE US SEEKS IS TO SUSTAIN AND ACCELERATE THE MOMENTUM OF ON-GOING DISARMAMENT TALKS, AND TO SET REALISTIC OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE. WITH RESPECT TO THE US DELEGATION TO THE SSOD, IT WAS

NOTED THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE OUR UN TEAM, DISTINGUISHED  
PUBLIC MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS FROM BOTH THE HOUSE AND  
SENATE. VANCE

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